

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: )  
ANDREAS ROESSLER )  
Divisional of Pending Prior ) Art Unit of Pending Prior  
Application No. 10/255,819 ) Application: 3651  
Filing Date of Prior Pending ) Examiner of Pending Prior  
Application: September 26, 2002 ) Applic.: Joseph A. Dillon, Jr.  
For: METHODS OF AND DEVICE FOR ) Docket No. GER5314B  
FEEDING FASTENING ELEMENTS )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OF DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment in, and is being filed with, the above-identified divisional application. Applicant requests that the Commissioner consider the amendments below to this divisional application, and the remarks which follow.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Cancel paragraph [0001], in its entirety, and substitute therefor the following new paragraph [0001]:

--[0001] This application is a divisional application of applicant's pending prior U.S. Application No. 10/255,819, filed on September 26, 2002, and titled METHODS OF AND DEVICE FOR FEEDING FASTENING ELEMENTS, which is a continuation-in-part of applicant's now-abandoned U.S. Application No. 09/592,394, filed on June 13, 2000, and titled METHODS OF AND DEVICE FOR FEEDING FASTENING ELEMENTS. The disclosures of applicant's above-noted pending prior application and abandoned application are incorporated herein by reference thereto.--